

RECOVERY HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Claudia Annoni, Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Francine Zysk, Gary Clift, Jackie Bradley, Jacqueline Wyse, Troy Bevier, John Glaser
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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

I. Call to Order- Reading of Mission Statement

With the Community Needs Assessment results of using the Opioid Settlement Funds, the data guided a need for Recovery Housing for Lenawee County. The sub-committee will explore the best options for creating Recovery Housing to offer stable, safe, and substance-free housing alternatives for those in recovery in Lenawee County.

Present: Commissioner Jenkins-Arno, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Garry Clift, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Chief Prosecuting Attorney Jacqueline Wyse, Community Outreach / Compliance Director for Lenawee Community Mental Health Jackie Bradley

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Marketing & Communications: Jen Ambrose

Absent: Executive Director of Housing Help of Lenawee Claudia Annoni, Chief Public Defender John Glaser

Commissioner Jenkins-Arno read the mission statement.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: February 28, 2024

Motion by Bevier, seconded by Clift to approve the minutes of February 28, 2024. Motion carried.

Francine Zysk would like to amend the agenda to include clarification on the Community Needs Assessment data and will occur later during the meeting.

III. Andy's Place- Jackson, MI- Chief Executive Officer, Toby Berry of Community Action Agency

Toby Berry is the CEO of Community Action Agency (CAA). Toby gave a detailed explanation of Andy's Place, located in Jackson, MI. Andy's place consists of 50 units of Recovery Housing with a second set of units opening this year. Andy's Place took shape with the efforts of Mike Hirst and Judge Harvey Hoffman, along with Mark McDaniel to address policies that would allow Recovery Housing to be funded through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) process.

Community Action Agency began participation in the project in 2018. The housing facility consists of 39 one bedroom units, 11 two bedroom units, and a unit for a resident manager on

site. There is also an office space, a community room, a kitchen, a workout room, security space, and a common area. Solar panels were installed to decrease energy costs. Andy's Place purchases all the furniture to prevent possible outbreaks of bed bugs.

Eligible residents must be considered low or very low income, which is 30%-50% area median income (AMI). In addition, all referrals for housing must come from a participating treatment court. All residents must be in recovery for 90 days and are required to sign a sobriety addendum, which establishes a process for addressing relapse. Andy's Place works with a for-profit developer, who absorbs financial risks for the project. CAA is predicted to take full ownership of the house after the first 15-year compliance period. They staff a full-time Housing Advocate who offers support services during the application process and connects them with community resources.

CEO Berry shared some of the lessons they have learned over the years at Andy's Place. One includes that while being funded through a low income housing tax credit is beneficial, it can be difficult due to the strict income limits. Berry stated participation in the treatment courts can be very beneficial to everyone involved. However, residents that have graduated from treatment court, before lease is up, removes the ability to utilize treatment court services for people who relapsed. Andy's Place is also unable to house anyone that is not involved in participating treatment court. Berry shared they have found it would be very beneficial to have an onsite expert that specializes in Substance Use Disorder, to immediately address issues that could lead to relapse for tenants.

Berry⁸⁹ stated some additional expenses they discovered is the 24 hour security/video monitoring, that is not covered by grants, and drug testing for residents.

Commissioner Jenkins-Arno opened Q&A by asking if Andy's Place is centrally located and how close to downtown, as there have been some discussion on where Recovery Housing would fit at, in Lenawee County. Toby stated the facility is just outside the city limits, not in a residential area but a commercial area. The facility is close to a big-box store and bus line.

A. Presentation

IV. Existing Business

A. [Michigan Association of Recovery Residences Link](#)

Community Development Coordinator Zysk included the link to the previously discussed Michigan Association of Recovery Residences, which is an affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR). NARR is the organization that sets standards for Recovery Housing and the Michigan Association of Recovery Residences has become the sole Michigan NARR affiliate.

V. New Business

Coordinator Zysk stated a concern was brought to her attention regarding the percentages on the Community Needs Assessment, not adding up. Zysk further discussed this with MSU technical team. MSU clarified the percentages would not equal because participants had the option to select more than one answer or none at all. Lenawee Community Mental Health

Director Bradley shared she would like additional information on the total percentages. Zysk reported she will be in contact with MSU tech again to request a breakdown of the coding.

A. Action items for Next Meeting- April 24, 2024 1:30 PM

Coordinator Zysk will request a copy of the coding spreadsheet from MSU that was used during the Community Needs Assessment.

A discussion was held to ask HALO Lenawee, a local organization focused on awareness of the opiate drug abuse epidemic, to visit the subcommittee. Zysk stated her previous communication attempt was not returned, but she will reach out to HALO Lenawee again.

B. A Report to the Michigan Opioid Partnership- March 2024
Gaps and Opportunities for Substance Use Disorder Recovery
Considerations for spending opioid settlement funds

Coordinator Zysk included in the packet, a report that was submitted to the State of MI, that focuses on the gaps and opportunities for recovery.

VI. Public Comment

Coordinator Zysk informed the sub-committee, she has scheduled presentors for the next three months, with Neighbor's of Hope coming in April. There was no additional public comment.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Clift, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 2:21pm. Motion carried.